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Scheduled and Backward Classes Hostels

* 2530 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there are separate hostels for students of Scheduled Classes and Backward Classes;

(*b*) what are the agencies running the hostels and which among them have been found by the Government to be managing them properly; and

(*c*) the average monthly expenditure incurred on each boy by each agency?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. There are only ten separate hostels in the State. All other hostels are for both Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes.

(*b*) Generally the agencies running the hostels are—

(i) Tamil Nad Harijan Sevak Sangh;

(ii) Missions, such as Ramakrishna Mission, Christian Missions, etc.;

(iii) Other private bodies;

(iv) Local Boards; and

(v) Government.

The hostels run by the Government are reported to be generally better managed than those run by other agencies. Some of the hostels run by the agencies other than the Government are also managed properly.

(*c*) The average monthly expenditure incurred on each boy by the agencies other than the Government varies from Rs. 9 to Rs. 26–9–0 per mensem. The Government are spending from Rs. 15 to Rs. 33 each per mensem on the boys in their hostels.

Panchayat Courts

* 2531 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) (i) whether elections to the Panchayat Courts in Peringanam and Koolimuttam amsoms in Ponnani taluk were held two years ago;

(ii) whether they have not yet begun to function; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) (i) Yes, Sir.

(ii) The Panchayat Court in Koolimuttam amsom began to function from 29th March 1955 and the Panchayat Court in Peringanam has begun to function from 30th July 1955.

(*b*) Does not arise.